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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Hon. George B. Daniels  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**SO ORDERED**

*George B. Daniels*  
HON. GEORGE B. DANIELS  
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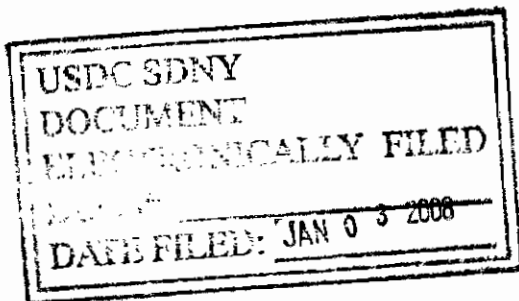
**Re: United States v. Debbie Stukes  
No. S1 07 Cr. 238 (GBD)  
Request for Waiver of Restitution Interest**

Dear Judge Daniels:

On November 29, 2007, the Court sentenced Ms. Stukes to, inter alia, \$22,685 in restitution. At the time, I neglected to request that the Court waive the interest on that amount. See 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f) (interest accrues on restitution amounts that exceed \$2,500, unless the Court finds that the "defendant does not have the ability to pay interest" and waives it).

As indicated in the presentence report, Ms. Stukes clearly lacks the ability to pay interest on the restitution order and, given the modest payment schedule set by the Court, it is likely that, if the interest is not waived, the interest on the balance will exceed the amount she repays. Thus, the restitution balance will grow, instead of decreasing, over time.

Accordingly, the Court should waive the interest on the restitution in this case.



Respectfully submitted,

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